



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Housing: Question on Mobile Home Costs (H-24)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT MOBILE HOME COSTS

- The Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families uses these data for housing assistance for low-income, including elderly low-income, households.
- The Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, uses these data in enforcement efforts to eliminate and remedy unlawful discrimination in housing.
- The Department of Transportation uses these data to develop and maintain databases about the transportation system infrastructure.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires state and local governments to provide an inventory of housing units compared with an assessment of the needs of families residing in the jurisdiction.
- Individuals and businesses use these data when deciding where to relocate.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILE HOME COSTS DATA

- Community Services Block Grant Act
- Equal Credit Opportunity Act
- National Affordable Housing, Subchapter I—State and Local Housing Strategies, Title 42, Chapter 130

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

D Answer question 24 **ONLY** IF this is a **MOBILE HOME**. Otherwise, **SKIP** to **E**.

24 What are the total annual costs for personal property taxes, site rent, registration fees, and license fees on **THIS** mobile home and its site? Exclude real estate taxes.

Annual costs – Dollars

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[<www.census.gov/acs/www>](http://www.census.gov/acs/www)



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HISTORY OF THE MOBILE HOME COSTS QUESTION

- The question on mobile home costs has been asked since 1980.
- The question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

The question about mobile home costs is part of a question about monthly housing costs including mortgages; real estate taxes; fire, hazard, and flood insurance; utilities; fuels; etc. Listing these items separately on the questionnaire improves accuracy of the responses about each item. When combined with income data, this item is used to measure housing affordability and excessive shelter costs.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at:

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